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Attn: Mr. Brandon Wieber
Dept MR 1940
PO Box 55819
Boston, MA 02205-5819

Dear Mr. Wieber:

This letter acknowledges your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of September 28, 2012 (transferred to this Command on June 18, 2013 and perfected at this command on August 5, 2013. Your request, which was clarified on February 6, 2013, states you are seeking "contracts, requests for proposals (RFPs), and invoices for UAV/drone equipment."

Your request has been assigned Case File Number 2013-F-040030. You have been assigned into the "Representative of the News Media" fee category. In this fee category, fees shall be limited to only reasonable standard charges for document duplication (excluding charges for the first 100 pages).

With regard to your request for a waiver of fees, a waiver is appropriate when "disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and activities of the government, and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester,"

5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(iii). Decisions to waive or reduce fees are made on a case-by-case basis. I will make a decision on your request for a fee waiver after a search for responsive documents is conducted and the volume and nature of the records is determined. We have initiated a search for the records you requested, and we will write to you again as soon as those results are known. We appreciate your willingness to pay up to \$25.00 for duplication charges in excess of 100 pages. We will begin to process your request and will notify you should fees approach the \$25.00 authorized to process this request.

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We are currently searching for responsive documents. Since we must search for and collect documents from offices other than the office processing the request, we are availing ourselves of the 10 working day extension of response time provided in the Department of the Navy FOIA regulations (32 CFR §701.8(g)(2)). We will forward responsive documents to you as soon as possible.

You may submit a written administrative appeal of this delayed response to the General Counsel, Department of the Navy, 1000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350. Your appeal must have a copy of this letter enclosed and must be received by the General Counsel within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter. Please add the words "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" to both your administrative appeal letter and the envelope. A copy of the appeal should also be sent to: Commanding Officer, Code 000050-5, Building 8, Naval Surface Warfare Center, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522.

If you have any questions concerning this acknowledgment, you may contact Vickie Long, at (812) 854-5614, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (Eastern Daylight Savings time).

Sincerely,



RITA BALDWIN PRIDDY

By direction